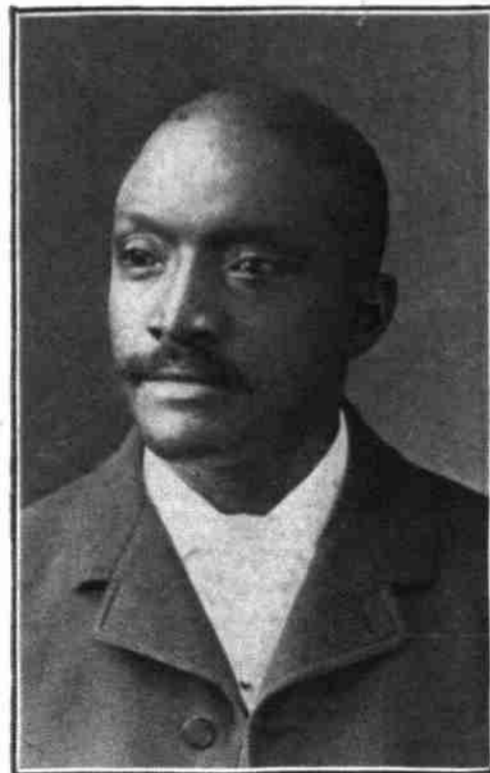


## D. L. Knight

Louisville, Ky.

MR. KNIGHT is engaged in the transfer business. He was born in Bullitt County, April 16, 1863. His widowed mother, having five small children, was unable to give him the advantages of an education. He learned the alphabet at an early age



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in the Sunday-school. Later he received private lessons and by hard study, in a few leisure hours, acquired an education.

At the age of fourteen, he went to Louisville and worked at the hardest of manual labor. A year later he sent for his mother and her children, and then began to study what he could do to enable him to support them.

One day while working in a brick yard he saw an old horse grazing in the field. He was impressed to buy the horse. He bought the horse and a dilapidated wagon and in a week was a vegetable peddler.

His trade grew so rapidly that he was soon able to buy a coal wagon and two mules, and began to deliver coal. His business increased until he was able to buy a transfer wagon and horses, and began the transfer business.

The beginning was very discouraging. He made only seventy-five cents during his first few weeks. He persisted, however, and at the present time has a business that averages about \$12,000 a year, and he owns seventeen wagons and twenty horses and mules, in addition to other property.

His "Lightning Transfer" Company was the first of the kind run by Negroes in Louisville. About two years ago he leased a farm three miles from the city. Upon this farm he has raised more than enough to supply his stock for a year, and he has realized about \$500 from the sale of garden products.

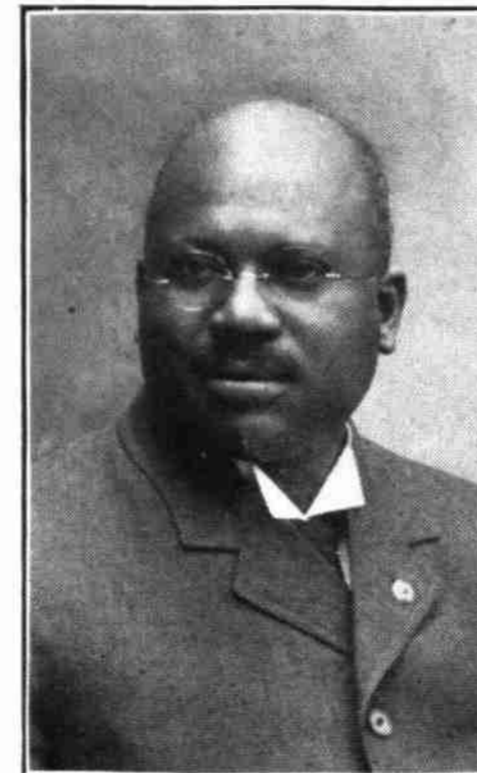
Mr. Knight owns real estate in Louisville valued at \$8,000.

At the annual convention of the Negro Business League in Louisville, in August, 1909, he was chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements. His address of welcome was brief, cordial, and in good taste. He occupies a very prominent place among his people, and is considered one of their most successful business men.

## Albert W. Williams, M.D.

Chicago, Ill.

DR. WILLIAMS is a physician and surgeon. He was born on a cotton plantation near Monroe, La., January 31, 1863, of slave parentage. He worked in the cotton and sugar-cane fields until he was fourteen years old.



A. W. Williams, M.D.

When a small boy, he heard of the North and especially of the state of Ohio, and had a desire to go North for education. In those days there were no public schools in Louisiana.

In December, 1876, a Missouri mule trader hired Williams to herd mules through the South to be sold, and he worked so well that he finally succeeded in realizing his desire, as the trader paid his way to Springfield, Mo., where he secured a job on a farm for \$10 per month and board. He saved money, paid the money advanced for transportation, and, having saved more money, bought books, and entered school for the first time at the age of fourteen, learned his ABC's. He passed the district examination in 1881, and spent ten years in study and in teaching.

He studied medicine in Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, three years, graduating in 1894. He was resident physician of Provident Hospital and Training School two years, and for twelve years has been attending physician. He was secretary of Provident Hospital medical staff six years, and president of medical board 1906-1907. Dr. Williams has been treasurer of the National Medical Association of Colored Physicians, Dentists, and Pharmacists five years; member of the American Medical Association, Chicago Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society. At present he is making a specialty of lung diseases. In 1908, he delivered a series of lectures on tuberculosis. He is secretary of the sub-committee of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, which meets in different colored churches for the purpose of instituting plans to prevent the spread of that disease. Dr. Williams is a large property owner in Chicago. He is president of the Black Diamond Development Company, which produces and markets natural gas, and which has \$50,000 assets.